

**Introduced by Senator Alquist**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to Older Americans Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 84, as introduced, Alquist. Older Americans Month.

This measure would recognize the month of May 2006 as Older Americans Month and would encourage all Californians to promote and participate in activities and services that contribute to the health, welfare, and independence of older citizens.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Older Americans are among our greatest  
2 treasures, providing invaluable links to the past, and wise counsel  
3 for the future; and

4 WHEREAS, The gift of longevity will ensure that today's and  
5 tomorrow's seniors will continue to make significant  
6 contributions to our families by giving of themselves freely and  
7 by sharing their wisdom and experience; and

8 WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge the contributions  
9 that older individuals have made to our economic well-being, in  
10 our communities, and in the workplace, through civic leadership  
11 and mentoring; and

12 WHEREAS, The seniors of tomorrow will be increasingly  
13 multicultural and multigenerational, as well as more diverse  
14 socially, ethnically, and economically than past generations; and

15 WHEREAS, An expanding elder population will profoundly  
16 impact every facet of our lives, including redefining our ideas of  
17 work, retirement, and leisure, altering our housing and living

1 arrangements, challenging our health care systems, reshaping our  
2 economy, and altering social and public policy; and

3 WHEREAS, The opportunities and challenges that await as  
4 this new chapter in human history begins requires continued  
5 commitment to the goal of ensuring that our senior citizens enjoy  
6 active, productive, and healthy lives, and do so independently,  
7 safely, and with dignity for as long as they choose; and

8 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the State of California join  
9 the nation and designate the month of May as a time to celebrate  
10 the contributions of older Americans and to rededicate our efforts  
11 to better serve American elders; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
14 recognizes May 2006 as Older Americans Month; and be it  
15 further

16 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians to  
17 honor elder adults during this month and this year, and to  
18 promote and participate in activities and services that contribute  
19 to the health, welfare, and independence of our older citizens;  
20 and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
22 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.